

(b) Indian Airlines have reached an understanding with the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal regarding measures for ensuring security of Indian Airlines flights taking off from Kathmandu. These include:

- (i) Access control to the aircraft on the ground by Indian Airlines.
 - (ii) Ledger-point frisking *of* passengers and their hand baggage on a specially enclosed platform by Indian Airlines.
 - (iii) Secondary x-Ray screening of checked baggage in the baggage make-up area.
- (c) Does not arise.

Evening Flights to Cochin, Kozhikode and Trivandrum

169. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether it *is a* fact that the Indian airlines flights are scheduled in such a way that a person can not travel to Trivandrum, Cochin and Kozhikode in the afternoon as all the flights to these destinations leave in the forenoon; and

if so, whether Government will take steps to have some of the flights operated in the afternoon to these destinations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Some services of Indian Airlines leave in the afternoon to some destinations in Kerala. Due to various limitations like availability *of* aircraft, the need to provide services on major routes in the morning hours, competition and other operational reasons, *it is* not feasible to operate more services in the afternoon.

Poor Quality of Service offered by AI and IA

170. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines and Air India have accumulated losses over the years;

whether it is also a fact that performance and quality of service to the passengers have nose-dived over the years and there have been mounting complaints in this regard;